

"Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of Friends" book and bonnet L228

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	"Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of Friends" book and bonnet
Date	circa 1810-1831
Extent	1.0 Cubic feet 1 custom oversize box
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

George Merritt was born on November 22, 1824 to Joseph and Phebe Hart Merritt, who were Quakers. He was the seventh of nine children. The family moved to Michigan when he was 12, and he moved to Ohio as an adult. He learned woolen manufacturing under his uncle, George Merritt, in Ohio and moved to Indianapolis, Indiana in 1856, founding Merritt and Coughlen, woolen manufacturers. He once lived at 172 N. West Street, Indianapolis.

He married Paulina T. McClung in 1852, and they had three children: Jeannette, Worth J. and Ernest G. Jeannette died in 1884 at the age of 31. Worth G. died while crossing the Great Colorado Desert alone in 1906, at the age of 44. His remains were identified two years later. Ernest became the chair of physics at Cornell University, (Ithaca, New York).

He served on the board of school commissioners of Indianapolis. He acquired the land known originally as Camp Sullivan, now as "Military Park" and was later appointed to the Indianapolis Board of Park Commissioners. As a Quaker, he would not serve in the Civil War but he was a trusted advisor of Governor Morton and served in lifesaving opportunities. As a member of the Indiana sanitary commission, he often visited soldiers in battlefields and hospitals and established a home in Knightstown, Indiana a home for orphans of soldiers. He was a generous philanthropist to many causes.

George died in 1912 and is buried in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Sources:

"Merritt, George". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/05/15. <http://www.findagrave.com>

Dunn, Jacob Piatt. Greater Indianapolis : the history, the industries, the institutions, and the people of a city of homes. Chicago, The Lewis Publishing Company. 1910 (pp. 1197-9). Print.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a book, Quaker bonnet and printed information from members of the Society of Friends in New York City, New York and Indianapolis, Indiana ranging from circa 1810-1831 regarding meetings and policies.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/96/14 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2016/96/14 by Edythe Huffman.

Existence and Location of Copies

A digital reproduction of the "Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of Friends", New York City, New York, dated 1826, is available electronically in the Hathi Trust: <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/009719021>.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in the Indiana Collection and Genealogy Division, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

"Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of Friends" Vol. 1: ISLI 977.201 M341ID V.1

"Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of Friends" Vol. 1 and Vol. 2: ISLG MICROFICHE LH8193

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- New York Yearly Meeting (Society of Friends).

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- New York City (N.Y.)

Personal Name(s)

- Merritt, George, 1824-1912

Subject(s)

- Quakers--Indiana--History--19th century

Collection Inventory

	Box	Object
Quaker bonnet, undated	1	1
New York City, New York, "Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of Friends" book, 1810	1	2
	Box	Folder
Papers, 1831 and undated	1	1